

Method of Redirecting Client Requests to Web Services

Abstract

Method of redirecting a request for a web service in a data transmission network wherein, in response to a request forwarded by a host of a client to a web service provider, the web service provider provides a Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) file based upon a message exchange protocol such as Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) on a transport protocol such as HTTP. This method includes the steps of forwarding a first request from the client to an old address of said web service, responding to the client from the web service point associated with the old address by sending back a message with a header, wherein the header using said message exchange protocol contains a redirection to a new address of the requested web service, and forwarding a second request from the client to the new address of the web service.